

Serial No. 10/633,296

Amendment and Response dated 08/29/2005 Replying to Office Action dated 04/29/2005

REMARKS

These remarks address the Examiner's comments made in the Office Action mailed 04/29/2005.

(1) Claims 1-6 and 8-22 rejection under 35 USC 112 second paragraph

It appears to Applicant that the Examiner takes issue with the terms "positive coupling", "positive sprag engagement", and "positive torque transfer".

Applicant has amended the claims to use "spragged torque transfer" instead, avoiding the issue of "frictional coupling" entirely.

(2) Claims 1, 4-5, and 8 rejection over Masuda

Claims 1, 4-5, and 8 are cancelled.

(3) Claims 6, 14-16, and 19 rejection over Masuda and Gotoda

Claims 6, 14-15, and 19 are cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended as indicated below, to include limitations of former claim 20 which was objected to.

(4) Claims 2-3, 9-13, and 17 rejection over Masuda, Gotoda, and Kajitani

Claims 2-3, 9-13, and 17 are cancelled.

(5) Claims 18, and 20-22 objection

Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its parent claims. Claim 16 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 20. Claims 21 and 22 depend from amended claim 16.

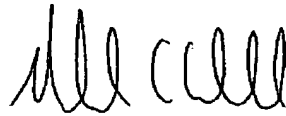
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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